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From the hearts of the Co-founders



As we address you for the last time, we are reminded of the days that ignited our passion for MUNs. We write this letter in honour of the experiences that have shaped our journey. We didn't know back then if we would ever build a club or anything of such sort but we definitely knew that MUNs would build us into something. And that thought has paved the way to how we look at ourselves today. It seems like quite a long journey for us, yet the part that created an opportunity for other journeys to begin and flourish stays on top.



People say that firsts are always special. It indeed does feel special to have brought some on the field. From founding the first student-led club and the MUNx team to creating an MUN resource tab and most importantly commissioning an election, it seems like quite a huge deal. Upholding a post even remotely similar to Sir Gyanesh Kumar wasn't quite on our bingo card, yet seeing leaders in the making campaigning and winning votes gave us quite a wholesome ick. So, yes, we do hope that these firsts inspire you all to build it as a legacy and create many more, just as they have built in us a decent amount of trust in you.

This edition explores the journey of the club in a vivid manner and is representative of the legacy the new MUNx team is eager to build upon. What it has aimed at is much larger than the efforts that are visible. It is apparently ironic to be the second edition commemorating the firsts. And, as we have put it multiple times, here's to the end of an era which marks the beginning of the purpose! Here's to handing over the club ! Here's to handing over a soulful creation!

Yours soulfully,
Piya and Pari Salecha (or as you call us, the Salecha Sisters)
Co-founders
The MUNderground Club

Reports of the Sessions

Session 5



Session 6

The fifth session of the MUNderground Club witnessed an introduction to the beginners and a specific activity for the rest.

The beginners learnt about foreign policies and the dynamics that shape world politics. While the ones that had a fair idea indulged in exploring important aspects of the rules of procedures. They participated in an activity called 'Placard Up: Placard Down'.

The session concluded with a rapid Group Discussion on the following topics:

- a) UN is a failure
- b) India is a "Dead Economy"
- c) Ukraine's recent attack on Russia is justified

The members were enthusiastic for more such sessions. It was conducted at the New Library.



The session inculcated an introduction Of BRICS and QUAD to the members. The formation, relevance and the scope of both the alliances were discussed through colourful mediums.

The online session saw multiple perspectives overpowering each other as they debated on which alliance is better off and where is India's scope of impact is greater. The discussions incorporated an appreciation for The New Development Bank and The Malabar Exercise. It concluded with multiple doubts emerging from the beginners and feedback Look out for everyone.





Session 7

The seventh session focused on solutions. It was a culmination of crafting solutions from the core and adding impact to the solutions. The approach carried towards it was that of creating a basic model for a problem, which is as simple as food insecurity and water, and sanitation. The members began with a round of presenting their own solutions. The next round turned engaging as they had to incorporate their solution with others and improve its quality as they spoke. The activity was not only spontaneous but also sparked a spirit of collaboration within the club.

In conclusion, the session was an insight into understanding the fundamentals, and the idea of structuring solutions. The day was called with a feedback note.



Session 8



Aug 25

In the eighth session of the MUnderground Club, an insightful explanation of China's historical events and its relevance in today's geo-political issues. It explored more on the Sino-Japanese war, the formation of the CCP, and the rise of Mao Zedong. Also, the incorporation of the four major regions under China's current dominance (South China Sea, Taiwan, Tibet, and Xinjiang) was explained using the world map.

Later, a discussion was established with the club members on Tariffs, BRICS and QUAD.

The session ended with a quiz on recent developments and appointments across the globe including a special segment on Indian politics

MUNx Elections

VOTE FOR ANAISHA RATHI



ABOUT ME

Hey Anaisha – someone who loves bringing ideas to life and making sure everyone's voice is heard. Whether it's organizing events, brainstorming new projects, or just sharing a laugh, I always try to give my 100% and keep things fun along the way. I care about making our club a place where everyone feels included, heard, and inspired.

Leading with ideas, listening with heart, creating together.

SPEAKING UP, LEVELING UP

When I joined my first MUN, I barely spoke up. Fast forward to my latest MUN, and I won a special mention! MUNs have taught me confidence, how to think on my feet, and the power of expressing my ideas.

ON 9TH OCTOBER
Anaisha for Action, Ideas, and Fun!

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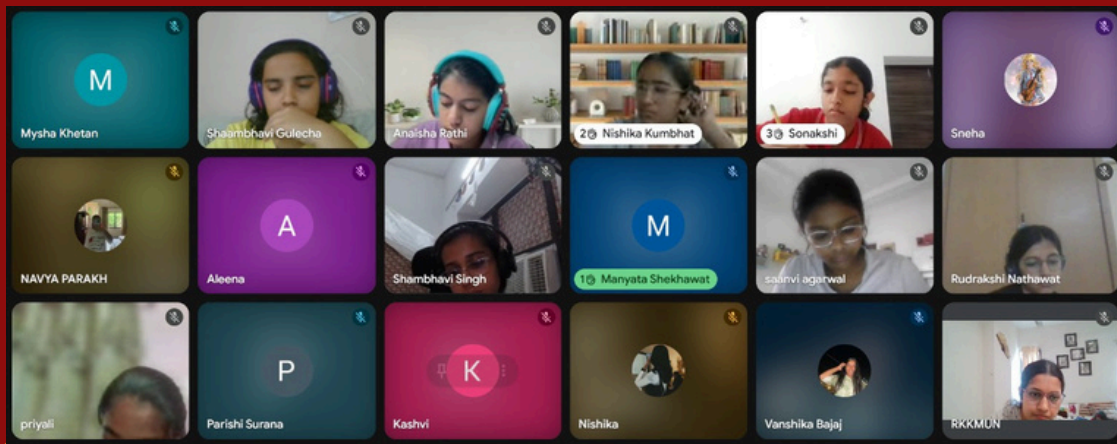
ELECTIONS

WHAT DO YOU WANT MUN TO BE?



SAFE SPACE
ENTERTAINING
CREATIVE
WHOLE SOME
FAST PACED
DIPLOMATIC
GEO POLITICAL
LAUGHTER
NEGOTIATION
GEO POLITICAL
NEGOTIATION
CLAUSE

UNNATI SHEKHAWAT



Vote for Nishika Kumbhat

running as candidate for the MUNx team in elections

Ready to bring fresh ideas upfro

YOUR VOICE. YOUR CHOICE.



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MANVI GULECHA VOTE FOR ME

ABOUT ME

Hey I'm Manvi Gulecha, a typical teenager with a passion for debates, current affairs, and making ideas count. I love bringing people together, turning serious discussions into something meaningful, and sprinkling a little fun along the way. Always curious, always learning, and always ready to speak up.

POLICIES

1. Mini Challenges – Quick MUN-style exercises like debating current topics, pitching solutions to random problems, or defending a position on a current event, all in a fun, low-pressure way.
2. Brain Boosts – Short activities or prompts that get members thinking creatively or critically, like a one-minute problem-solving exercise or a "what would you do?" scenario.
3. Collab Quests – Team-based activities where members work together on a small project or discussion topic, fostering collaboration and idea-sharing.

SUPER POWERS

- Researching
- Debating
- Leading
- Negotiating
- Problem-Solving
- Innovating

PICK ME, IF YOU WANT ME

1ST PHASE

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WERE INVITED FROM CLASS VIII ONWARDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST TWO MUNS. THE STUDENTS HAD TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST. ON 5/10/25 AN ONLINE TEST WAS TAKEN TO ASSESS THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS, RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND UNDERSTANDING OF COMMITTEES. BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE, TEN STUDENTS WERE NOMINATED FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

1. ANAISHA RATHI
2. UNNATI SHEKHAWAT
3. PARISHI SURANA
4. MANVI GULECHA
5. AAROHI BHATTACHERJEE
6. PRIYALI GANDHI
7. SHAAMBHAVI GULECHA
8. NISHIKA KUMBHAT
9. NISHIKA PAGARIA
10. SRISHTI JAIN



MUNx Elections

2ND PHASE

THE CAMPAIGNING PERIOD BEGAN ON THE VERY DAY THE TEST RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED. WHEN THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES WERE OFFICIALLY REVEALED. THE CANDIDATES WERE THEN GIVEN TWO DAYS TO PREPARE AND CONDUCT THEIR CAMPAIGNING, WHERE THEY PRESENTED THEIR IDEAS, GOALS, AND VISION FOR MUNX THROUGH CREATIVE POSTERS, SPEECHES, VIDEOS, ETC.

BEFORE THE FINAL VOTING, A MEETING WAS HELD TO OBSERVE HOW THE CANDIDATES PITCHED THEMSELVES AND TO EVALUATE THEIR RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE MUNDERGROUND CLUB MEMBERS.

FINALLY, ON THE VOTING DAY, MEMBERS CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE OFFICIAL MUNDERGROUND CLUB WHATSAPP GROUP. THE FOUR CANDIDATES SECURING THE HIGHEST VOTES, INCLUDING POWER VOTES, WERE DECLARED AS THE NEW MUNX TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE SESSION 2025-2026.

- 1) UNNATI SHEKHAWAT
- 2) MANVI GULECHA
- 3) NISHIKA KUMBHAT
- 4) PRIYALI GANDHI
- 5) AAROHI BHATTACHERJEE

THE ENTIRE ELECTION PROCESS WAS MODERATED BY THE FORMER MUNX TEAM.



Activities



ON WHATSAPP

The MUN team conducted five post-session tasks on the WhatsApp group. The aim was to ensure connectivity, engagement, and creativity flourish with reference to varied global affairs. Task 1 involved an online display of creativity. Members created infographics on a chosen country's foreign policy. The second task was about crafting witty caricatures. Members could choose from 3 topics to set the tone for their caricature. Members indulged in writing pieces on their perspective of peace through multifarious formats. The top 4 pieces, which included a poem, 2 articles, and a prose, were selected for the newsletter. The fourth task was a simple yet competitive 15-question quiz that tested the global event knowledge of the members. The last task requested the members to create and present group PPTs on a topic that was in the news papers for a long period of time

Following topics to either write an article on it or make a caricature on it. The choice is totally yours. You may add elements of humour and wit in it.

Please choose from the following topics:

Apki baar Trump sarkar?
Voldemort Zelensky or Voldemort Putin, who's the real devil?
One Nation, One election, a bill or bet?
Xi Jinping's China: A Sleeping Dragon or a Looming Threat?

Feel free to reach out to us in case there are any queries. The deadline for the same is 27/12/24, please abide by the same and upload your article/ caricature timely.

Thank you
Regards
MUNx Team

8:41 pm

Task #1

For group 2
'US allegations on Adani'
For group 3
'as population increases the number of world leaders decrease?'
For group 4
'Cagedrival'

The deadline for submission is 20 Jan 2025. The groups that had been mentioned earlier are to be followed. Minimum 5 slides and maximum 8 slides are to be prepared. Mentioning of all team members is necessary and drive link to upload the same will be sent shortly. You may form a separate informal whatsapp group for the same. Try to make it interactive using pictures and other elements (it is suggested to use canva for the same)! Also we request you to not use AI

Details



The MUNderground club WhatsApp group proved to be an interactive and informative platform. Multiple elements got featured to keep up the saga of learning. The News Column, Resources Tab and Poll-Up were amongst the top highlights.



UPDATED RESOURCES!



CES Model

Cause: List out the causes that led to the problem and the intricacies of how they contribute largely. Present the relation with the problem at large include a defining layout of the problem at large

Effect: Showcase the impact of the problem and how it affects the people concerned bodies in both microscopic levels as well as macroscopic. Make connection with the causes and the importance of solving the issue, making between the causes and solutions. Also, present the impact that would be if the problem is solved.

Solution: Demonstrate the solution for each cause and the benefit of the Highlight all the possible aspects in which the solutions will advantage community, environment and the future. Also, ensure incorporating all from infrastructural to humanitarian. Give a detailed layout of how, who, what,

QUAD (QUADRILATERAL SECURITY DIALOGUE)

1. Quadrilateral partnership between India, US, Japan, and Australia, first restructured in 2007 and reactivated in 2017.
2. Though not a mutual defence pact, Quad acts as a non-official strategic dialogues and leader summits.
3. Quad aims at promoting Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) based on cooperation, and climate support.
4. In 2025, Quad Foreign Ministers strengthened collaboration on critical earth supply chains.
5. India's NSAs term Quad as a tool to counter China's influence, illustrate and connectivity.
6. Key deliverables are vaccine alliance, supply chain resilience, joint cooperation.
7. While not binding like NATO, Quad states affirm "iron-clad commitment rule-based order."

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)

1. NAM was founded at Belgrade Conference in 1961, rooted in non-aligned Tito.
2. India chaired the first summit in 1955 at Bandung (coined "Bandung") emphasizes strategic autonomy.
3. Currently coordinates a platform of 120+ countries, focusing on UN reform cooperation.
4. India has since moved from a passive stance to a proactive global peace, equity, and vaccine access.
5. NAM continues to oppose Western interventionism and articulates UNGA and G20.
6. Since 1990s, India leverages NAM voice to push for UN Security Council governance reform.



SURVEY POLL

- VOTE CHORI

Here's an opinion poll that regards to the latest voter's fraud campaign.

Should opposition parties' concerns about fake voter registrations and electoral roll manipulation be taken more seriously by the Election Commission?

☒ Select one or more

☒ Yes, the concern is being taken on a lighter note and CEC's statements haven't been rational enough  59

☐ No, the Election Commission's response has been lawful and satisfactory  6



Featured Articles

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

ICC Women's World Cup comes home

by Unnati Shekhawat XI B

Tension was in the air as two teams, India Women and South Africa Women, faced off for their maiden title at Navi Mumbai's DY Patil stadium. Winning the toss, South Africa elected to field first. And despite everything, India set a target of 299 for the opposition. India's 298/7 was supported by Shafali Verma's 87 off 78 balls, along with others' powerful batting performances. Even with the ball, the girls were brilliant, with Verma taking two unexpected wickets at crucial junctures in the match, and Deepti Sharma, a world-class offspinner, taking a five-wicket haul. South African captain Laura Wolvaardt backed up the team's total with a century in the final, but her team's chase efforts crumbled in the face of regular wickets, resulting in a 52-run loss. The winning moment for India came in the 46th over, when Nadine de Klerk sliced a low full toss towards extra cover, and India captain Harmanpreet Kaur caught the ball. True sportmanship was seen as emotional Marizanne Kapp was embraced by Indian players, Jemimah Rodrigues and Radha Yadav.



This was the first time South Africa had entered the finals. India, however, had two heartbreaks in 2005 and 2017, crushing the dreams of Jhulan Goswami and Mithali Raj, who laid the strong foundation for the women's team. Notably, the winners of the world champions shared the glittering trophy with two legendary trailblazers, a moment of many goosebumps.

Our women's team wrote history, winning the match with their stellar gameplay, and some part of the victory can be given to one of BCCI's unprecedented moves in 2022. During its 15th Apex Council meeting, unanimously passed a resolution to introduce pay parity between India's men's and women's cricketers. The global committee debated heavily on the revenue generated by women's sports, calling it an over-correction. Some critics, even questioned the team's losses over the years. However, the women's team proved their mettle and earned the laurels. And let's not forget Pratika Rawal, who scored 308 runs in the Women's World Cup 2025 before being replaced by Shafali Verma due to injury, received her well-deserved winners' medal as well. Gone are the days when people hardly acknowledged women's sports. Of course, no Indian can forget November 19, 2023, the final loss against Australia. But now, "For every Nov 19, there's Nov 2."

ZOHRAN FOR NEW YORK CITY



WHAT'S A BIGGER REVOLUTION?

New York electing a socialist or RKK students surviving dalia and pakora

by Priyali Gandhi VIII-B

Is it when a city rejects decades of capitalism and elects a socialist mayor or when a group of students endures another week of dalia and pakora from the same ever-faithful dining hall menu?

When Zohran Mamdani shook the political foundations of New York, commentators called it a "modern revolution." He stood against greed and inequality, daring to believe that every ordinary citizen deserved dignity not just those with wealth or power.

He fought for equality in wages and fairness in housing. And when he won, it wasn't just politics that changed it was as if New York itself danced to a new tune, or as Zohran might say, "*Dhoom Machale.*" And in some distant way, RKK students fight for the same equality each of us receiving an equal share of cakes, equally unforgettable. At RKK, our battlefields are dining tables. There are no protests, just one silent prayer before every meal: "Please, let today be noodles... or aloo puri, maybe even pav bhaji." Yet, we show up with the same spirit, the same appetite for hope, and that, perhaps, is what makes us revolutionaries in our own right.



Because in the end, every revolution whether in New York or in the RKK dining hall, begins with a dream. Some dream of equality, others of extra gulab jamun. But both dreamers share one thing in common: they believe change is possible, and sometimes, that belief alone is enough to make history or at least, the menu.

So, what's the bigger revolution? Maybe both changed the world, and the other changed our taste buds forever. Because while New York questioned capitalism, RKK questioned monotony. And somehow, both won.



SANCTIONS SHAKE UP GLOBAL OIL TRADE

Russian crude faces falling demand and rising uncertainty
by Aaroohi Bhattacharjee XI B

Russian oil is now selling at much lower prices than before. The current discount is one of the biggest seen in a year. This change follows new sanctions introduced by Donald Trump. These sanctions don't stop the trade completely, they just make it far more difficult to carry out. Shipping inspections take longer, insurance approvals require extra proof and documentation, and banks are more careful. A deal that once took days can now take weeks. And to keep its exports moving, Russia has lowered its prices in order to remain competitive in a tense market.



India and China were major buyers of Russian crude over the last two years. Both these countries counted on these purchases to keep fuel costs manageable. Recently, however, they have reduced their orders. Their refiners are struggling to pay suppliers through international banking channels. Some payments are delayed or held back for verification. The atmosphere around the trade feels slower and more uncertain. Companies are still interested in discounted oil but they prefer to avoid appearing overly exposed to sanctions-related backlash. This situation is reshaping how energy trade routes work. With payments and shipping under stricter checks, several refiners in Asia and Europe have begun adjusting where they source oil from.

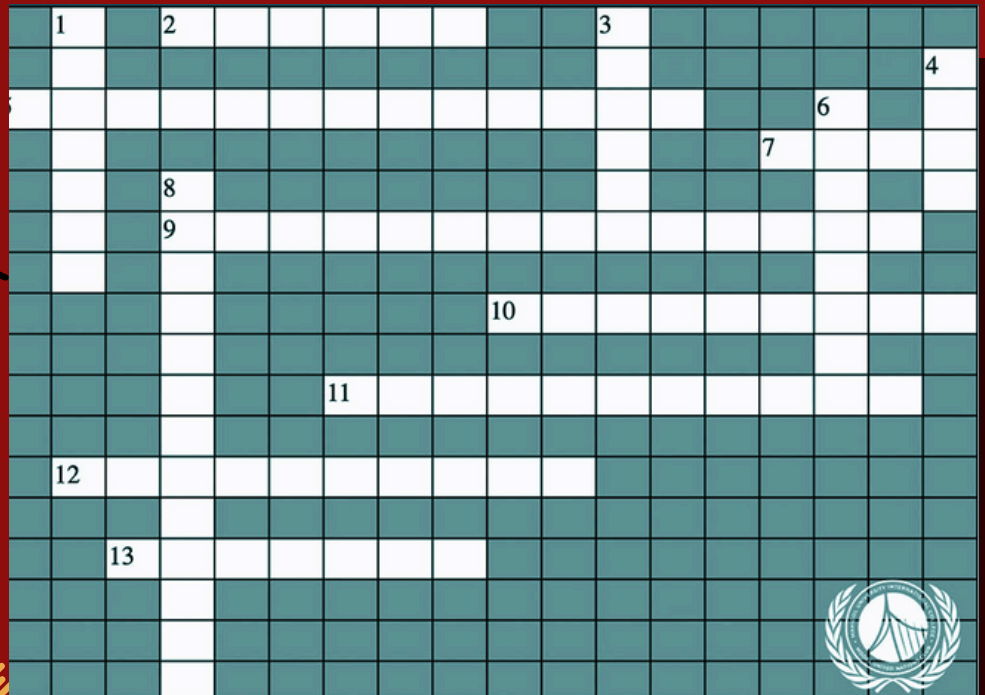
India has increased spot purchases from Iraq and the UAE to keep supplies steady. China has leaned more on its long-running contracts with Saudi Arabia. Shipping data indicates that more Russian cargoes are waiting longer near ports while banks and insurers verify documents. The market continues to function, but the flow is slower, showing how political pressure is now directly shaping commercial decisions. The coming months will likely decide whether this moment becomes a long-term shift or just a temporary slowdown. Oil is not only about supply and demand. It is also about influence, alliances, and the choices nations make when the world order begins to shift.



Crossword

DOWN

1. The person responsible for maintaining order and directing debate.
2. The international organization MUN simulates.
3. The system of rules guiding how debate is conducted.
4. The first issue or topic chosen for debate.
5. A request to shift the committee from one activity to another.



ACROSS

1. A country you are representing in committee.
2. When a delegate gives up remaining speaking time to another delegate.
3. Tool used by the Chair to maintain order in committee.
4. A formal request to change the flow of debate.
5. A short, timed speech given by a delegate.
6. The structured style of debate where the Chair controls speaking time.
7. A break where delegates may move around and negotiate informally.
8. Used when a delegate believes committee procedure has been broken.
9. A request to repeat or clarify because something was unclear.
10. A document proposing solutions to the topic of debate.
11. The written summary of your country's stance before committee.
12. A smaller group formed to discuss specific issues more closely.
13. When a country temporarily loses voting rights due to unpaid dues.



The

UNplugged

Area



Guess!!

COUNTRY

1. Loves to make alliances, but won't sign anything without a lawyer. Obsessed with trade and tea. Mostly tea.

ONE LEVEL HIGH

2. Its constitution recognizes 11 official languages. It has three capital cities, each serving a different branch of government.

FLAG

3. Bold red field with white circle in its center. Yet this is not the one you think, its red, and the circle symbolizes the rising sun. But unlike its Asian counterpart(Japan), this flag has a single five-pointed green star placed within the white circle.

TRUE N FALSE

4. A nation officially gave legal rights to rivers.
5. The UN created an emoji council to improve digital communication.

(Answer on the top left)

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